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Regularisation of Services of CPWD Employees

5591. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to regularise the services of employees of CPWD working on temporary posts for the last several years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Government has taken a proposal for creation of some additional posts in the work charged establishment of CPWD for regularising the services of muster roll employees of CPWD. As soon as the posts are created, the services of these workers will be regularised.

Increase in Production of Coal

5592. SHRI B. L. SHARMA PREM: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether inspite of the fifteen percent increase in the production of coal, many power units of the country have been closed on account of non-supply of coal to them in time;

(b) if so, the reasons for not supplying coal to these power units; and

(c) the persons responsible for it and the action taken against them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c). Coal production in the country during April '91 to January '92 was 10.7% more than the corresponding last year. High priority is given for supply of coal to thermal power stations. Despatches of coal to power utilities have shown marked improvement during 1991-92. During the period April '91 to January '92, 112.13 million tonnes (including middlings) of coal were supplied to power utilities by Coal India Ltd. and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. as against 97.87 million tonnes (including middlings) supplied during the corresponding period last year, showing a growth of 14.6%. Central Electricity Authority have reported that a few power stations had to shut down some of their units temporarily for want of adequate supply of coal. However, coal supply to power utilities is monitored regularly, and whenever necessary, appropriate action is taken immediately to meet the committed supply from alternative sources. Thus the supply of coal to thermal power stations during 1991-92 has been generally satisfactory. As such question of fixing of responsibility and taking action for inadequate supply does not arise.

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Centrally Sponsored Industries in Western Maharashtra

5593. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally sponsored industries in the Western Maharashtra including those in district Solapur; and

(b) the progress made by these indus-